



## **First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – August 31, 2015**

### **FirstNet News**

- FirstNet hosted a successful second Industry Day last week, followed by a public safety webinar for single points of contact (SPOCs), Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) members, the Tribal Working Group (TWG), and federal points of contact to recap the Industry Day presentations and provide these key stakeholders with an additional opportunity for question and answer. The Industry Day presentation is available [here](#).
- The next in-person SPOC meeting will be held on October 7-8 in Westminster, CO. More details on agenda items and logistics will be provided this week.
- This week, we will be holding the Michigan and New Jersey initial consultation meetings and participating in the Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA) Annual Meeting and National Institute of Justice (NIJ) expert panel regarding broadband communication and law enforcement.
- Last week, FirstNet Board members and staff participated in the Indiana initial consultation meeting, the National Association of State Technology Directors (NASTD) Annual Conference and Technology Showcase, the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Board Meeting and Annual Conference, the National Tactical Officer Association (NTOA) Annual Conference, and a meeting with the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA).
- To date, FirstNet has held 47 initial State consultation meetings involving more than 3,100 public safety representatives. Future consultations are confirmed for: Alaska (9/9), Arizona (9/29), Virginia (9/30), CNMI (10/20), Guam (10/22), and Oklahoma (10/28). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).
- FirstNet has also completed initial consultation with 3 federal agencies – Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Justice (DOJ), and Department of Labor (DOL).

### **News from the PSAC, States, and Territories**

- Data collection tip: The FirstNet data collection team would like to make SPOCs aware of two potential sources of data that could aid in estimating total public safety

users by discipline in each State. Please note these sources do not contain estimated totals for all US Territories.

- UCR 2013 Masterfiles: FirstNet has obtained a copy of the raw data Masterfiles behind the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports Law Enforcement Employee totals. These files contain granular estimates of law enforcement personnel in each state, including data that was excluded from the online publication (i.e., Crime in the United States Table 77) for reporting threshold reasons.
- U.S. Fire Administration National Fire Department Census: FirstNet is using the USFA Census as a general estimation (or "baseline") tool for total fire personnel nationwide and within each State.
- If you would like a copy of the UCR 2013 Masterfile data or USFA Census for your state, please send a request to [datacollection@firstnet.gov](mailto:datacollection@firstnet.gov).
- As we near the September 30 deadline for initial data collection, we are asking states and territories to share their data collection updates.
  - Missouri continues to move forward with their data collection and outreach efforts. The team has received data from the state's three largest metropolitan areas, and is seeing good participation from other areas of the state. On August 24, the Missouri team participated in a conference call focusing on data collection efforts and the September 30 submission deadline, hosted by Nebraska (thanks Bob Wilhelm). It was an informative call and involved seven states. The Missouri team will be presenting to the Kansas City Metro Area Police Chiefs Association next week in Riverside and will be making a final push for participation by any departments that have not submitted their data. The team is preparing for a communications exercise involving deployable assets and mobile communications vehicles from across the state, in Sedalia next week and will be presenting on how FirstNet could enhance the capabilities of these vehicles. The team is also preparing for their state Communications Conference in Columbia in September.
  - FirstNet will continue to feature various state data collection efforts over the next few weeks. If you would like to highlight your state or territory's effort, please email [outreach@firstnet.gov](mailto:outreach@firstnet.gov).

## Media Watch

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### *Traditional Media*

FirstNet media coverage picked up late in the week with the Industry Day. Following is a sample of the coverage from this week. For more comprehensive coverage of all FirstNet stories, please consult the daily “Media Mentions” email.

#### **Urgent Communications: Cybersecurity Could Be The Biggest Challenge For FirstNet, Next-gen 911**

<http://urgentcomm.com/blog/cybersecurity-could-be-biggest-challenge-firstnet-next-gen-911>

Industry engineers are making great progress developing IP-based solutions that address the myriad functionality needs of public safety and critical-infrastructure entities more efficiently. Whether they can develop solutions that also lower the risk of problems caused by software glitches and cyberattacks is a bigger question.

#### **Emergency Management: FirstNet: A First Responder Network, Plus**

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/disaster-zone/Firstnetafirstrespondernetworkplus.html>

The FirstNet timeline and a philosophy. I thought that his email response from the guy responsible for FirstNet in Washington state, Bill Schrier, was a good summary of FirstNet and what the timeline is in the next few years.

#### **IAEM Dispatch: FirstNet encourages participation in its second Industry Day on Aug. 27**

<http://multibriefs.com/briefs/iaem/iaem082715.php>

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) encourages participation in its second Industry Day, set for Aug. 27, 2015, which will address both recent developments and key next steps for the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN) acquisition. Last week, FirstNet Board members and staff participated in the APCO Annual Conference, which attracted almost 6,000 attendees.

## *Web and Social Media*

FirstNet social media was active this week with the Indiana consultation and Industry Day. Twitter increased to 2,603 followers; LinkedIn increased to 917 users; YouTube stayed the same at 152 subscribers; and Google+ has 50 users. Social media buzz topics included FirstNet board appointments and Industry Day.

FirstNet posted 4 blog entries over the last week. The highlighted topics include: [SPOCs Report Continued Successes as Data Collection Efforts Ramp Up](#), [Tennessee Interoperability Conference Provides Opportunity for "Real Time" Input to Data Collection](#), [FirstNet Video Blog: Tribal Data Collection](#), and the [Alabama Initial Consultation Meeting](#). All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: [www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog](http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog).